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## REBUILDING & REGENERATION

### 25 Quintain Ireland

Quintain Ireland is developing a pipeline of over 9,000 homes in the greater Dublin region on sites across Adamstown, Clonburris, Portmarnock and Cherrywood.

### 27 Peter McVerry Trust

Peter McVerry Trust assisted over 1,300 people into secure housing and directly delivered 150 homes during 2020, representing a 50% increase on those it housed on the previous year.

### 29 Social Housing Exchange

A UK online home exchange service will now enable council tenants in Dublin and Cork to swap homes for free, with plans to expand 'HomeSwapper' services across Ireland during 2021.

### 30 The Housing Agency

Of all the housing measures in Budget 2021, the one that may make the most significant long-term change is the investment in affordable housing, writes John O'Connor, CEO of The Housing Agency.

### 33 Cluid Housing

Clúid has welcomed residents to their new homes following the completion of an €18m development in Killarney, that will provide homes to over 180 people on Kerry County Council's housing list.

### 37 South Dublin County Council

South Dublin County Council is meeting the housing challenge head on, by accommodating the needs of the county's population, while the various demographic factors are reflected in the plans for South Dublin.

## 4 NEWS UPDATE

### 12 KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL

Kildare County Council is formulating a Walking and Cycling Strategy for the county, in response to the growing number of people now enjoying the great outdoors.

### 15 DUBLIN BIKES SCHEME

Dublin City Council and JCDecaux have rolled out a new three-year commercial partnership with NOW TV, which will include both a new App and revamped website for the 'dublinbikes' scheme.

### 16 HOUSING BUDGET

With €3.1bn allocated towards housing in Budget 2021, Darragh O'Brien TD, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, says that whilst this year's target to deliver 12,750 homes is very ambitious, especially during the current pandemic, he outlines the building blocks being rolled out to achieve it.

### 40 CORK CITY DOCKLANDS

The partnership between Cork City Council and the Land Development Agency in setting up the new Delivery Office for Cork City Docklands will seek to promote a regeneration project of international scale and significance in Cork City.

### 43 CORK CITY COUNCIL

Cork City Council is preparing the first of three development plans, designed to achieve the ambitions for Cork City and the €1bn investment will see delivery of housing, development of cultural institutions and improved mobility across the city.

### 46 OFFICE OF THE PLANNING REGULATOR

The Office of the Planning Regulator has hit the ground running since 2019, by making significant recommendations on local authority statutory plans, according to Niall Cussen. However, the State Planning Regulator claims that effective planning is needed to lay the foundations for a national recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic.

### 49 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AWARDS 2020

Mayo County Council was named 'Local Authority of the Year' for 2020 at the 17th Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards ceremony, which was held online due to the pandemic restrictions.

### 60 AILG PRESIDENT

Galway's Cllr Mary Hoade, President of the Association of Irish Local Government, may be impatient for Covid-19 restrictions to end so she can hit the ground running to achieve her policy priorities during her term of office. However, the AILG's first female president has certainly plenty to focus on in the meantime.

### 66 LOCAL ELECTIONS IN IRELAND

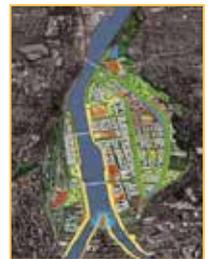
A booklet 'Democracy and Change: The 1920 Local Elections in Ireland', outlines the pivotal role the elections played in local government.

### 68 CLIMATE ACTION REGIONAL OFFICES

As Climate Action Regional Offices (CAROs) continue to support Ireland's local authorities in adapting to climate change, David Dodd, Regional Co-ordinator for Dublin Metropolitan CARO, reviews their climate action plans and policy developments, and the plan of action for 2021.



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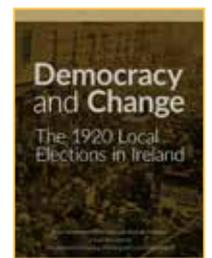
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## 75 CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY COUNCIL

The government has failed to take action on its climate targets, according to Prof John Fitzgerald, Chair of the Climate Change Advisory Council, and he says this will make it more difficult and expensive to get Ireland's carbon emissions down by 2030.



CCAC Chair -  
Prof John Fitzgerald  
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## 79 MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL

With huge parallels between the actions adopted in response to Covid-19 and those adopted to embed the Sustainable Development Goals, Meath County Council is the first local authority to set up a dedicated Climate Action and SDG Team.



Meath County Council  
Climate Action Team  
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## 83 AGE-FRIENDLY HOUSING ADVISORS

Age Friendly Housing Technical Advisors have been appointed across Ireland's 31 local authorities to provide information on age-friendly housing options.

## 85 SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

A new Age-Friendly County Strategy (2020-2024) will see South Dublin County Council lead on enhancing the quality of life of older people in the county.

## 87 AGE-FRIENDLY TECHNOLOGY

The first age-friendly smart tablet for older people, which was first launched onto the Irish market in 2019, has provided a lifeline to 'older' newcomers to technology.

## 88 DISTRICT HEATING NETWORK

Ireland's first publicly owned, not-for-profit energy company, established by South Dublin County Council will deliver the Tallaght District Heating Network, estimated to reduce carbon dioxide emissions in the South Dublin County area by nearly 1,500 tonnes per year.



Tallaght District  
Heating Network  
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## 90 BUILDING INFORMATION MODEL

Dublin City Council is making major strides to provide a digital footprint across the capital through the use of Building Information Modelling (BIM), and over the next decade there are plans to develop a fully-integrated digital twin of Dublin City.



Dublin's Building  
Information Model  
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## 96 INNOVATION IN POLITICS AWARDS

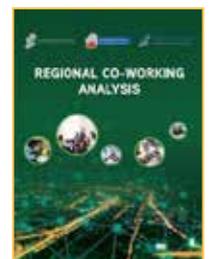
County councils from Clare, Fingal, Meath and South Dublin were the Irish finalists in the European Innovation in Politics Awards 2020, for projects ranging from age-friendly housing, urban rejuvenation to community arts and playground facilities.

## 98 SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT

Iarnród Éireann is working with local authorities to build a stronger and more sustainable transport network, with high quality and capacity rail infrastructure, critical to the development plans and sustainability goals of Irish cities and regions.

## 100 REMOTE WORKING SURVEY

Analysis from the three Regional Assemblies of Ireland reveals that remote working, which has become the norm since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, has the potential to open up economic and environmental opportunities for all regions in Ireland.



Remote Working  
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## 105 SEAI ENERGY AWARDS 2020

Dublin City Council, NUI Galway and SSE Airtricity Energy Services were among the winners of the 2020 SEAI Energy Awards.